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Changes to Travel Policy

This Warden Message updates U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Mexico of the change to travel procedures for personnel at U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo. Due to the extreme threats of violence along Highway 15/Benito Juarez Autopista between Estacion Don and Guamuchil, Sinaloa, all official travel through this area is prohibited. All official travel by U.S. government employees to other locations in the state of Sinaloa must be conducted in armored vehicles. The single exception to the requirement to use armored vehicles when traveling in Sinaloa is within the city limits of Mazatlan, where U.S. government personnel are permitted to use non-armored vehicles for travel.

Due to increased security concerns in southern Sonora, all official travel south of Ciudad Obregon will be performed in armored GOVs and with police escorts. No personal travel of any kind is allowed for Consulate Hermosillo employees south of Navojoa, Sonora. U.S. government personnel traveling through Ciudad Obregon and Navojoa towards Alamos should exercise extreme caution. Travel to the mountainous areas in eastern Sonora is prohibited. In general terms, this applies to all travel east of the line drawn north to south from Nacozari de Garcia through Moctezuma, through Arivechi, through Rosaria and ending in Alamos.

Due to widespread violence across portions of the Nogales Consular District, including the city of Nogales, and because of the threat of known drug trafficking activity throughout northern Sonora, all official travel to/in the Nogales Consular District must be in armored GOVs. At this time, personal travel between the U.S. border at Nogales, AZ, to Hermosillo in personally owned vehicles is permitted for Consulate employees only on Mexican toll road Highway 15 during daylight hours.

Americans driving to Mexico are reminded that they must have a U.S. passport; a visa is required for travel to Mexico; Mexican automobile insurance is required; and that only Mexican pesos are accepted for payment at toll booths. Drivers are encouraged to follow the security precautions detailed in "A Safe Trip Abroad" which can be found at http://travel.state.gov/tips/safety/safety_1747.html. The Consulate recommends all Americans citizens residing in, visiting, or transiting through the consular district **DRIVE ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS**.

Please report any emergencies involving U.S. citizens in Mexico to the American Citizens Services Unit (ACS) at the U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo, located at Monterrey 141 Poniente, Colonia Esqueda, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico: telephone 662 289 23500; after hours emergency telephone, cell 662 256 0741; web page <http://hermosillo.usconsulate.gov>; fax 662 217 2571; email Hermoacs@state.gov. The U.S. Consular Agency in Mazatlan is located at Playa Gaviotas 202, Local 10, Zona Dorado, Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico. Their numbers are 669 916 5889 during the day and for after hours emergencies, cell 669 918 0303.